



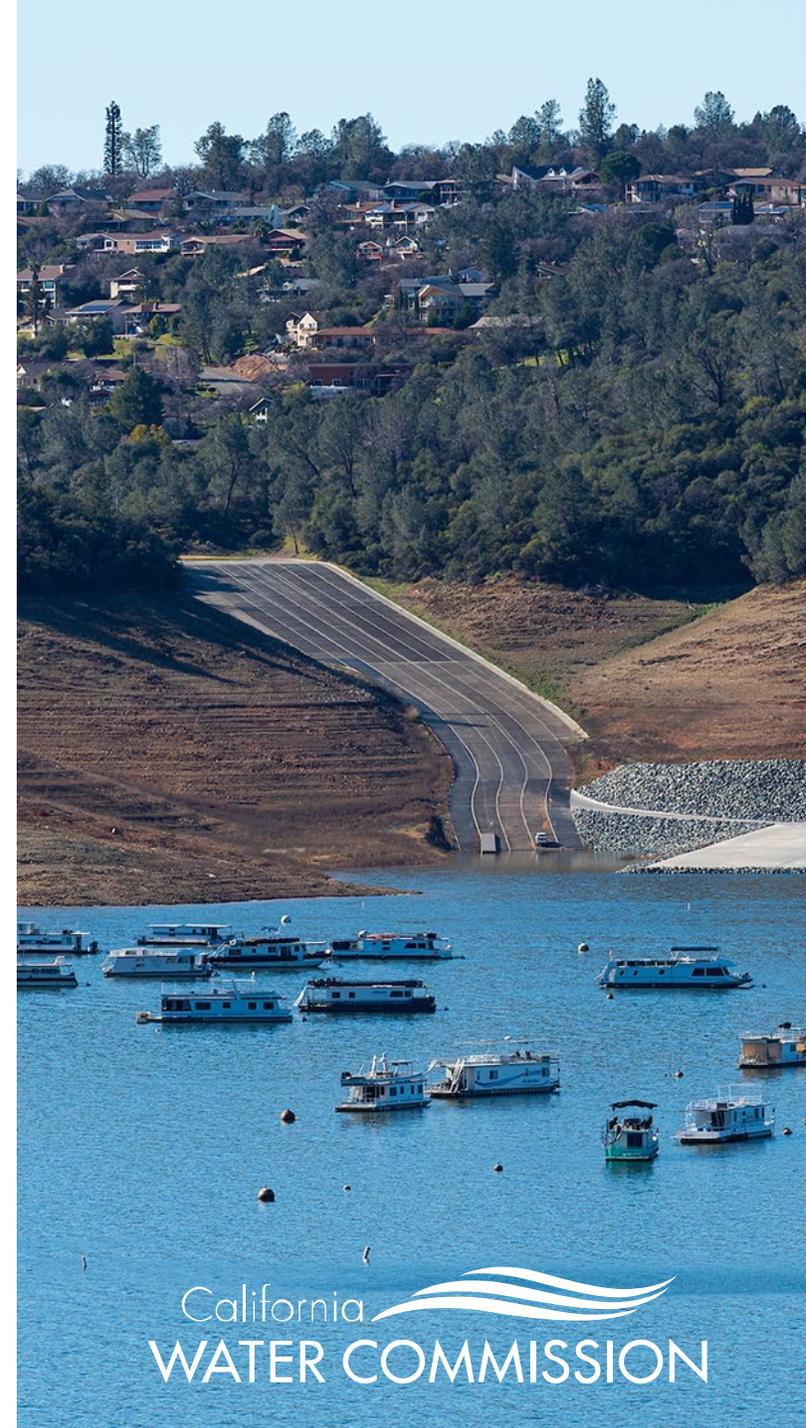
California Water Commission
**Six-Year Drought: Presentation of
Initial Interviews and Framework**
October 19, 2022

Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3

Develop strategies to protect communities
and fish and wildlife in the event of
drought lasting at least six years

Goal of Commission Process

- Engage experts, interested parties, public
- Develop potential long-term strategies
- Avoid hampering current drought response
- Produce guidance document
- Fluid timeline



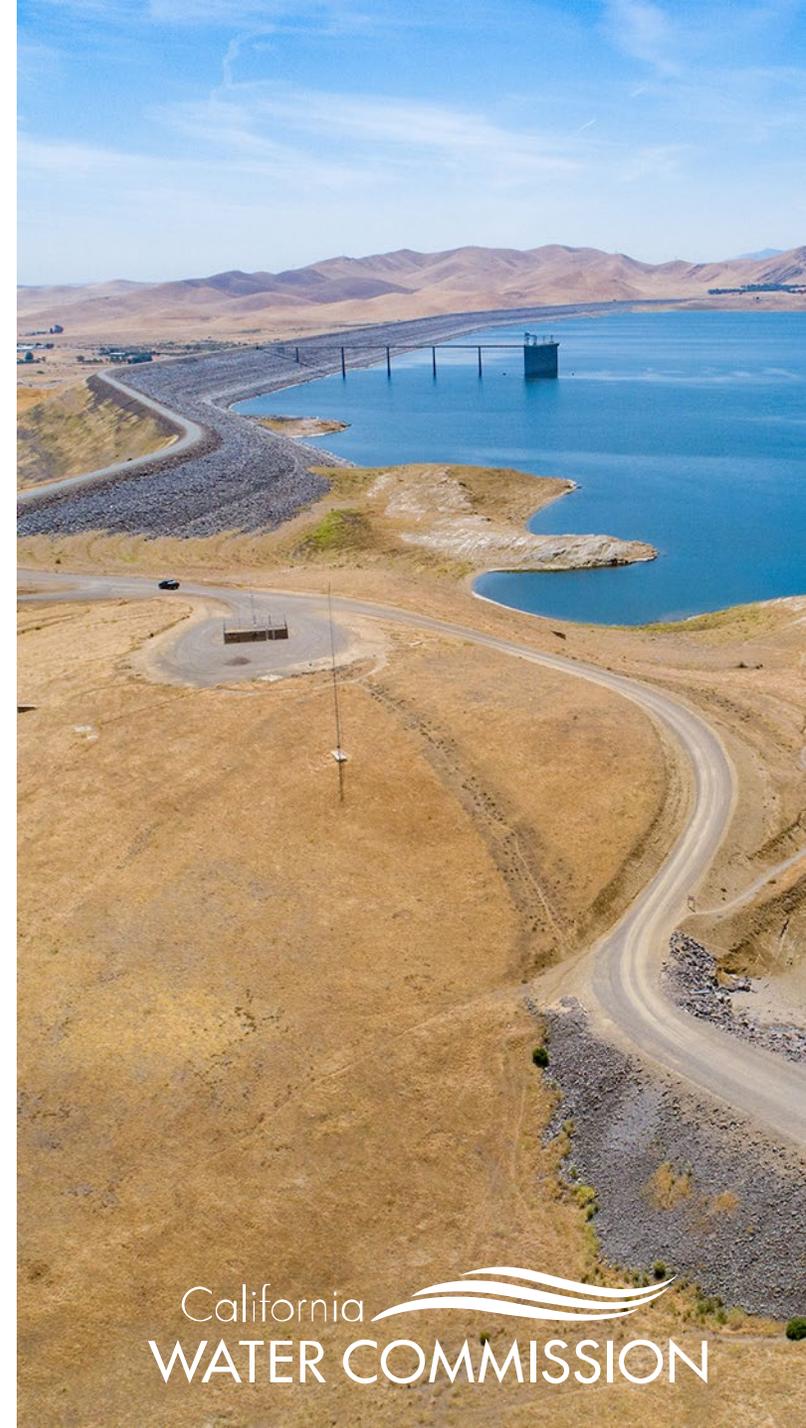
Step 1: Research

- Reviewed relevant resources
- Talked to in-state experts & practitioners
- Talked to international water managers
- Engaged staff at state agencies
- Developed a framework, context document, annotated bibliography



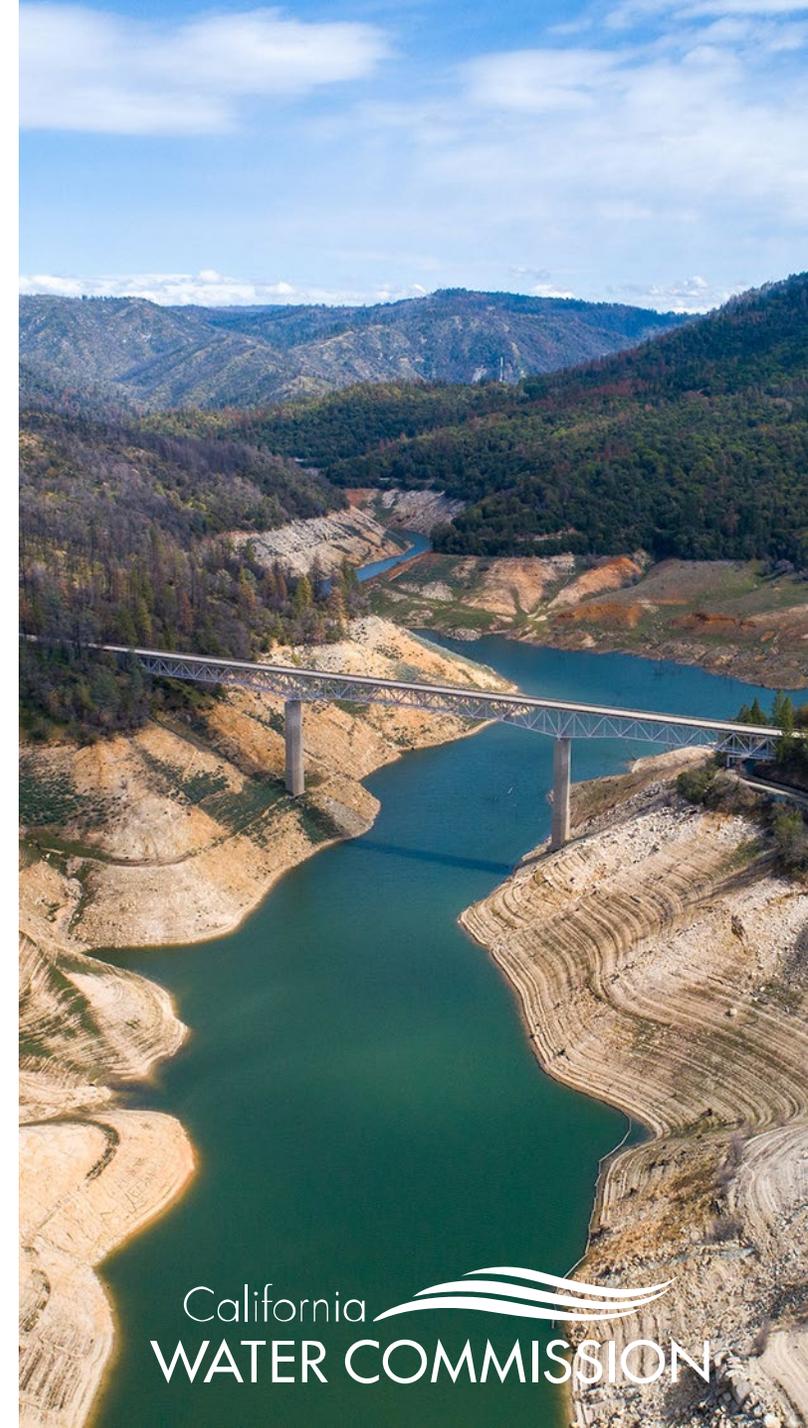
Themes

- **Leverage drought crisis to take bold action**
- **Plan, prepare, manage during non-drought**
- Make systemic adaptations to climate change
- Advance portfolio approach
- Collect and use data for drought management
- Engage public to shift cultural norms
- Bring environment into drought management



California Context

- Defining drought
- Drought and climate change
- Drought management
 - Demand management
 - Supply management
 - Planning
- Communities and species
- Wildfire



International Context

- Israel**
- Water-revering culture
 - Rigorous demand management
 - Create new supply

- Australia**
- Ecological collapse
 - Basin-level planning/management
 - Portfolio approach

- Chile**
- Equity concerns
 - Policy reform
 - Uncertain path forward



Drought Framework

- Nexus with Water Supply Strategy
- Next steps
 - Convene Tribal Small Groups
 - Convene Working Group
 - Solicit Public Feedback
 - Produce White Paper



Timeline for Step 2: Outreach

MONTH	ACTIVITIES
Nov	Convene Tribal small groups Assemble Working Group Expert panel: Protecting communities & the environment
Dec	Convene Working Group
Jan	Convene Working Group Expert panel: Long-term drought preparedness & response
Feb	Report out on Working Group results
Mar	Public outreach & workshops
Apr	Public outreach & workshops
May	Report out on workshops